

Ensuring safety – Helicopter Landing Site Temporary Relocation

As part of the new RPA Hospital Redevelopment, the hospital's helicopter landing site (HLS) is being temporarily relocated.

Operating from 2024, the temporary helipad will be located on the roof of the multi-storey carpark off Hospital Road and Grose Street, south of the Queen Mary Building. The temporary helipad relocation is expected to be needed for up to 24 months.

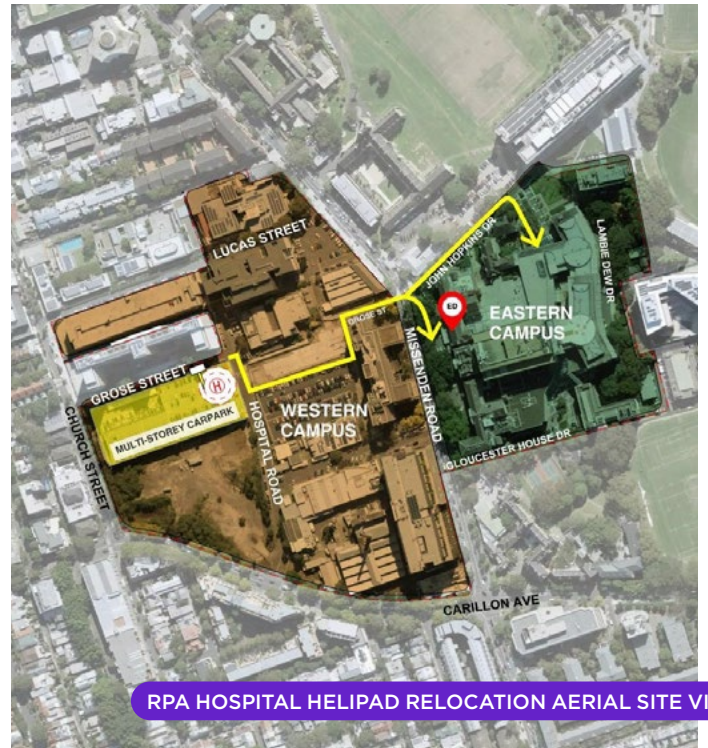
Temporary Helipad Relocation

The helipad at RPA Hospital is being temporarily relocated due to the planned redevelopment of Royal Prince Alfred Hospital's (RPA) east campus. The redevelopment of the RPA east campus requires the installation and use of construction tower cranes. These tall cranes will unfortunately limit safe access to the existing landing site making the relocation of the helipad a necessity. The relocation will ensure the safety of patients, staff, locals, and construction workers.

The helipad will be temporarily relocated to the roof of the multi-storey carpark located off Hospital Road and Grose Street, to the south of the Queen Mary Building. The temporary site will serve as the sole working helipad at RPA for the time that the tower cranes are in place for the construction of the new health facility.

The first stage of planning for the helipad relocation was deciding on the new temporary site. Health Infrastructure worked closely with representatives from the Sydney Local Health District, NSW Ambulance and Avipro (Aviation Management and Safety Advisors) to ensure the proposed relocation site was safe, appropriate, fit-for-purpose and caused minimal impact on local community and the environment.

Due to the relocation of the helipad, car spaces will be



closed on the top floor of the car park. Active management will be in place across the RPA campus to ensure ease of access for those driving to the site through the period of construction of the RPA Redevelopment.

Due to the extensive consultation and strategic planning that has gone into the planned relocation, RPA hospital can continue its mission of world-class delivery of patient care with the support of the temporary helipad.

Based on previous activity, it's expected there will be about 10 landings each month. At times nearby residents are likely to experience some noise associated with helicopter movements. As these flights are often critical responses to emergency situations, landings can take place at any time during the day or night.

Establishing the temporary helipad will require early works to begin on the site by late-2023. Early works will see removal of any obstacles, structural works on top of the car park, the installation of lights and a patient transfer elevator. These works are expected to be complete, and the site to be operational in 2024.

What work are we doing?

The proposed work to the existing 5 level multi-storey carpark to accommodate the temporary HLS includes provision of:

- Two patient transfer lifts.
- Naturally ventilated enclosed lobby spaces on levels 3, 4 & 5 with patient refuge area.
- Medical gas storage on the roof level for clinical operational purposes.
- Level 4 lobby provision for future public usage.
- Two ambulance car parking bays with canopy cover on Grose Street.
- Security control access to roof (HLS) level.
- The patient transfer lifts will be retained for future use by the car park when the helipad landing site is decommissioned.

Managing our impacts

We aim to manage our work to reduce the impacts to the community and the environment. Our works may be noisy at times, we will do everything we can to minimise impacts.

We would like to thank you for your patience.

Next Steps

Please contact us with any questions you have about our work. We will continue to provide you with updates throughout this project.



ARTIST IMPRESSION OF THE TEMPORARY HELICOPTER LANDING SITE VIEW FROM GROSE STREET

What services will the development deliver?

This is the most significant investment in RPA's 140-year history to support the world-leading services provided at RPA for the 740,000 people who live in Sydney Local Health District and the more than 1 million people who come into the District each day to work, study and visit.

When complete, the RPA Redevelopment will deliver:



Expanded and enhanced Emergency Department and Intensive Care Units



Expanded neonatology services



State-of-the-art operating theatres



Facilities and capabilities for integrated research, education and training



Expanded and improved adult inpatient accommodation



Improved public domain and services including roads, wayfinding, landscaping and information and communications technology infrastructure



Increased interventional and imaging services

Listening to our community

RPA Hospital has a long history of working in partnership with our community. Your feedback is important to us.



Scan the QR code to take our survey and tell us what you think about the temporary helipad landing site.

How can I contact the project team?

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